

January 8th, 2026 6pm

Roll Call: Annie, Abb, Dakota, Donna, Kail, Marcus, Randy, Bernie, Dave A., Chelsea, Miki, Monica, Rebecca, Pat, Taylor, Trent, Dustin, Jesse

Trent motion to approve minutes, Dakota to second.

Treasurer Report:

\$31,014.71 in the account

Waiting on receipt to pay for Buyers Dinner

Royalty Report:

Need 1-2 volunteers for judging the Queen/Princess Contest

Annie and Chelsea to be there in May to help with this.

Dakota sent a mass email to sponsors to catch beginning of year budgets, already getting responses back which is amazing.

Manager Report:

Issues with the roof of the north building, continuing improvements to make things safe.

Continue to work on having bathrooms, making the fairgrounds more maketable

Miki:

Most events ever for the year of 2025, the Winter Farmers market was a huge success.

Extension Report:



January 2026 Extension Report

January 8 Fair Board Meeting

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Upcoming dates/deadlines

- 12 January – County Council
- 16 January – 4-H Day at Stock Show
- 19 January – Office Closed MLK Day
- 21 January – Quarterly Leaders Meeting, FG, 6:15 pm
- 24-26 January – Leadership Development Conference, Denver *Capital Building*
- 25 January – Beef Weigh In, 1-3 pm at FG

Enrollment data

- Members (110 + 4 Lake = 114) (124 last year, 5 graduated)
- Cloverbuds (13 + 2 Lake = 15) (14 last year)
- Volunteers (21 + 2 Lake = 23) (24 last year)

Current project enrollment data

- Beef – 25 (25 in 2025)
- Swine – 50 (49 in 2025)
- Goat – 9 (8 in 2025)
- Sheep – 9 (7 in 2025)
- Market poultry – 6 (10 total in 2025)
 - Turkey – 1
 - Egg production - 1
- Market rabbit – 5 (4 total in 2025)
 - Companion rabbit – 6
 - Breeding rabbit – 2
- Horse – 9 (7 in 2025)
- Dog – 7 (7 in 2025)
- Indoor/general projects – 55 projects (63 completed projects in 2025)
- Shooting sports – 4 (6 projects completed in 2025)

Fair Rule Book Updates

- Added language on Danish judging system
- Updated language on horse levels requirements
- Yak section
- Silent auction
 - Open in Exhibit Hall Wednesday-Friday
 - Improve signage
 - Max 1 project per project area, no overall max, can sell as a set
- Questions
 - Who is overall livestock superintendent?

Many highlighted changes to the 2026 4-H rule book.

Pat to motion, Chelsea to second that motion.

Side note:

Reaching out to Boys and Girls Club and other organizations to incentivize enrollment in indoor open (not 4-H) projects.

Art teachers, shop teachers, Salida Arts Council, create advertisement to encourage open class

Annie to make a motion of adding in a minimum bid that is $\frac{1}{2}$ value of the estimated value (as deemed by 4-Her and Club leader) Trent to motion.

Improve signage and areas of payment for indoor silent auction.

Old Business:

Reappointment of Current Members:

Dustin approved by all
Dakota approved by all
Abby approved by all
Taylor approved by all
Marcus approved by all

We had two letters of interest for the two open vacant seats on the Fairboard.
Cathi Rich and Sasha Blakeslee are both approved by all fair board members.

Trent, Jesse and Marcus are all nominated for fair board Chair.

Pat made a motion to vote for chair tonight and Bernie to second.

There was tie between Marcus and Trent. A second vote between those two were completed.
Trent was voted as chair.

Meeting Time Slot, no change to meeting time or day of the month.

New Business:

Dakota has created a sponsor packet. The packet will be handed out at the February Meeting.

Annie will continue to work on CPRA contract and working with Rawhide Rodeo Company.

New vendor ideas,
Chelsea has an idea of a Bike Rodeo, talk to local bike shops and organizations
Will look at the schedule in February and go over where to fit in events and acts

Miki brought up the idea of generating a beer sponsor, looking at if it would be financially better to have an exclusive beer sponsor.

Bernie has a letter from Frank Holman to let us use the Nut Fry Trailer as fair board use.

Bernie will be gone the month of February.

Next event Beef Weigh In 1/25/26 at 1pm

Next meeting 2/5/26 at 6pm

Benefit Dinner for Kylie 2/28th at the fairgrounds